







# 1980 Census of Population and Housing

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Preliminary Population and Housing Unit Counts

*This report is based on preliminary counts of population and housing units as compiled in the 1980 census district offices. The series consists of 56 reports—number 1 for the United States; numbers 2 through 52 for the States and the District of Columbia in alphabetical order rather than in order of publication; and numbers 53 through 56 for Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Preliminary counts for the Northern Mariana Islands and the remainder of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands are not part of this series of reports. These counts will be made available in a separate press release issued for each area.*

As of April 1, 1980, the population of the District of Columbia was 635,233, according to a preliminary count of the returns of the 1980 census. This figure represents a decrease of 121,435, or 16.0 percent, from the 756,668 inhabitants enumerated in the 1970 census.

The preliminary count of housing units in the District of Columbia as of April 1, 1980, was 278,915. This figure, which includes both occupied and vacant housing units, represents an increase of 588, or 0.2 percent, from the 278,327 units enumerated in the 1970 census.

An increase in the housing unit count is not inconsistent with a decrease in population as the average number of persons per occupied housing unit (or household) has declined since 1970.

This report presents preliminary 1980 census population and housing unit counts for the District of Columbia, quadrants, and the standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA).

Data for the Washington, D.C.-Md.-Va. SMSA shown in this report relate only to the portion in the District of Columbia. For the remainder of the SMSA data, see the reports for Maryland and Virginia.

These preliminary figures will be superseded by the final counts to be shown in Advance Reports, series PHC80-V, which will be issued within the next few months. The final counts are subject to further processing and review and may differ from the preliminary figures.

An outline of the publication and computer tape program for the 1980 Census of Population and Housing can be obtained free of charge from the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

**Symbols used in tables.** A dash "--" represents zero. Three dots "..." means not applicable, and "(NA)" means not available. The prefix "r" indicates that the count has been revised since publication of 1970 census reports.

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Table 1. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for the District by Quadrants: 1980 and 1970**

(Counts relate to areas as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this area. For meaning of symbols, see text)

**The District  
Quadrants**

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
The District .....	635 233	'756 668	278 915	'278 327
Northeast quadrant .....	149 413	'184 802	57 527	'57 074
Washington city (pt.) .....	149 413	'184 802	57 527	'57 074
Northwest quadrant .....	298 955	'347 581	146 980	'147 695
Washington city (pt.) .....	298 955	'347 581	146 980	'147 695
Southeast quadrant .....	160 201	'193 916	62 007	'62 075
Washington city (pt.) .....	160 201	'193 916	62 007	'62 075
Southwest quadrant .....	26 664	30 369	12 401	11 483
Washington city (pt.) .....	26 664	30 369	12 401	11 483

Table 2. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for Incorporated Places: 1980 and 1970**

(Counts relate to incorporated places as delineated at each census. Information on boundary changes will be shown in the PC80-1-A report for this area. For meaning of symbols, see text)

**Incorporated  
Places**

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
Washington city .....	635 233	'756 668	278 915	'278 327

Table 3. **Population and Housing Unit Counts for Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's): 1980 and 1970**

(Counts relate to SMSA's designated as of January 1, 1980. For meaning of symbols, see text)

**SMSA's**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.-MD.-VA.**

	Population		Housing units	
	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970	1980 (prelim- inary)	1970
That part of the area in District of Columbia ..	635 233	'756 668	278 915	'278 327
Washington city .....	635 233	'756 668	278 915	'278 327
Outside central city .....	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia .....	635 233	'756 668	278 915	'278 327





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